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A former KGB-agent who also worked for the CIA says Soviet Leader Konstantin Chernenko is the "last of the idealogues" to come to power in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Vladimir Sakharov, a Russian emigre, said the next generation of Soviet leaders will be less interested in Marxism than in protecting its privileges. Sakharov made his comments prior to a lecture at the University of Connecticut Tuesday.

"The Soviet Union is run by a very small group of very privileged people. The major challenge for the inbred group of Russians and Ukrainians who run the country will be how to deal with the population growth in the USSR's Asian republics, Sakharov said.

He said the Moslem population in the Soviet Union is growing so rapidly that in "30 or 40 years, there could be an Islamic Soviet Union."

"There will come a day when a majority of the Soviet armed forces will be Islamic. Where will their loyalties be?" he asked.